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Aloha mai e Representatives of We The People Of Hawai'i Nei,

Ka la mai for the previous e-mail that was sent-incomplete.

I hit the wrong key and it sent it before I was finished with our response to the e-mail from Andy Anderson-see his response to me at the bottom of my context of this e-mail. Mr. Andy Anderson, you have failed to see we the people and you see only what you want us to see.

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I recently sent our opposition to Resolution 12-143 and I'm having to further explain our position. It is not that we were miss informed, it is about keeping public lands and open space for generations.

We ask you to oppose Resolution 12-143, it is vital for our human conscience and emotional well being to have open, recreational space. Do not sell out to more concrete that will add more pollution so close to our shores and beaches.

The Park is widely used (through the years) by Kamehameha Schools students and families for access to Loko Ea Fishpond and the Park also serves as an important parking and relaxation area for canoe paddlers, standup paddlers, and other beach users.

My son attends Kamehameha High School and worked as a volunteer Loko Ea Fishpond. This Fishpond used in the summer by youth programs of Kamehameha Schools and during regular school students of Kamehameha and it is still a use. My son remembered the pond when he first went there during the summer programs over these past years and he recently did an outreach program at Loko Ea Fishpond while attending Kamehameha High School Kapalama Campus. Yes it is private property, but it is one of

educational and an existing pond of the past to education the present and for the future of our youth and generations to come. To this we comment on it's widely use of the ponds by the students and summer program sponsored by Kamehameha Schools. Do not confuse my statements with semantics.

Public park land should not be for sale. Recently approved community plans designate Haleiwa Beach Park Mauka and the North Shore as important recreational resources for the people of Oahu. Please give the community a chance to continue to partner with the City on the stewardship of this 3.4 acre coastal park before taking the drastic action of closing it and selling it.

The very idea of selling any public lands for private development is not pono. Public lands must be held in trust for the community and the public at large. The City and County of Honolulu also represent and must be committed to we the people of this aina that states that public lands are just-NOT FOR SALE!

The Island of Oahu, land wise is not growing in size, but the population is, and for generations to come the population will only grow and more public lands will be necessary for open space near the coastal lands. True the Honolulu County may not have the immediate funds to clear and improve this vacant parcel, but it can utilize the communities and their organization to plan monthly clean up of the area. The volunteers can assist in making this vacant parcel useful for the entire community at large as a recreational, relaxing, and useful park for the entire population of Islanders and visitors.

We understand that the business in the area know that the visitor industries pour thousands of dollars into our economy, that's how private business benefit. This is great for the private business industry, but businesses that needs bigger areas should not be taking public lands, for it is not the only answer to impact their ability to make more money.

You are asking, we the people of this land to give up our public open land, especially when they propose to take public lands that should benefit open space and recreation for the local population and for future generations to come. Is this the way business works, they want to build on public land and if you give them an inch they will eventually take a mile and more and then no more open land for recreational use, it will be all business. Is that they way it works?

We may live on Moku Nui, but we do have Ohana and friends that we often visit Haleiwa and enjoy the open area and beaches. Keep Haleiwa Beach Park Mauka and North Shore as recreational resources for all people of Hawaii Nei

Do not let our public lands go private and awe; we no more open space and recreational area for our future generation.

Teresa L. Nakama

Big Island Fisheries Alliance

Recreational Chairperson

Ms Nakama,

Good morning,

I am sitting here reading your testimony to Councilwoman Ann Kobayashi's Budget Committee.

There is an awful lot on confusion and (miss) mis-information out there as to the proposed sale of the Hale'iwa Regional Park remnant parcels and how it might impact the community.

Questions, challenges and concerns like yours are threaded thru (through) out many submittals in opposition to the Council.

If I understand your suggestion/opposition?

As an example, you say (you said)

"the park is widely used by Kamehameha Schools students and families to access Loko'ea Fish Pond; you go to say,

the Park also serves as an important parking and relaxation area for canoe paddlers”

We would respond as such;

The park is NOT widely used by KS as you describe to access the Loko’ea Fish Pond. KS brings only one bus once a month for ONLY four hours bringing KS kids to work on the pond. Not widely used, and no families. In addition, the public is not invited to the pond and PRIVATE PROPERTY NOTRESSPASSING signs surround the pond. Trespass and you go to jail, thus not really for the public to enjoy.

We are fully supportive of the pond restoration and agreed with a KS representative 18 mos. ago when asked, that should we be successful they were guaranteed full access for their program in restoring the fish pond. This should be a responsibility for all of us born here.

Would ask that you review the attachment (Park Illustration)fyi; Only a small part of the entire 3.4 remnant parcels are being used today as you describe. You will see that we were sensitive to your/others concerns. Note the preservation of the canoes on “our side” of the land and the new additional parking to replace lost spots now being used.

These 3.4 acres have been sitting fallowed for now over 42 years. The City has not over this time chose to spend any dollars on it due to its remnant condition, and the present administration has also taken the identical position to not spend a dime on it.

If then we can get the larger portion opened for recreation and our piece for jobs and taxes what is wrong with this?

I have attached an imagine of the hotel we are trying to bring back to Hale’iwa.....don’t think you are accurate when you say, don’t sell out to more concrete. This old 1899 gal has very little concrete in her.

Fyi:

In our proposal we offered to buy all the remnant parcels as the City required us to, to get the "one only" parcel we need. That said, as we did not want and/or need the other parcels we proposed to give/convey all the other parcels free and clear to a community non-profit entity so they can manage and operate a *"private-community owned public park"* for the community.

This would allow the community to enjoy a community owned park and not have it under the City Rules and Regulations.

For instance, the Farmers Market is an illegal operation in a City Park, BUT would not be under a community owned Private Park. A local kid, could get married in the park, erecting a tent and serving beer etc. something they can't do in a City owned park. We could encourage local artists much like they do at the Kapiolani Fence come here and display their art work at the community park. The community could enjoy a lot of benefits in a community owned park, they never can in a City owned Park.

Am also attaching our testimony for your reading as we offered to the community and our illustrated concept of the entire area finished out.

Would appreciate your reply and thots. (thoughts)

Regards,

Andy

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